



Route D Bridge Improvements Community Briefing Dec. 5, 2012

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the purpose of tonight's meeting?

The purpose of the meeting is to gather input about plans to rehabilitate the Route D bridge over the Gasconade River in Phelps County by improving the bridge's support structure located underneath the bridge. Specifically, we will be replacing the bridge's end bents, which are substructure piers that support each end of a bridge span. The project also includes removing and replacing a small portion of roadway to provide access to the end bents.

What is the purpose of this project? Why is it needed?

The existing structure was built in 1996 with end bents that do not move. These bents are breaking up due to expansion and contraction of the bridge caused by seasonal changes in temperature. The project involves replacing the damaged end bents to ensure the future safety and integrity of the bridge.

The roadway will be closed during construction. Why is a road closure necessary?

It is necessary to close the road and bridge to traffic to ensure proper rehabilitation. Closing the bridge will allow the end bents to be constructed at the same time under the same conditions ensuring a uniform, quality product. In addition, allowing traffic on the bridge during construction would cause movement of the bridge that would hinder construction of the end bents.

What is the project schedule? When will the road be closed?

The project will be advertised for a February 22, 2012 bid opening and awarded on March 6, 2012. The proposed road closure dates are from June 17, 2012 through August 9, 2012. We know this will be inconvenient, but we will move as fast as we can to complete this project, which is essential to ensuring the future safety and integrity of the bridge.

How can I learn more?

You may learn more by contacting us toll free at 1-888-ASK-MoDOT (275-6636) or by visiting us on the web at www.modot.org/central.